

August 28, 2000

TO: Stakeholders for the CANAMEX Corridor

FROM: James M. Bourey, Executive Director  
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SUBJECT: OPEN HOUSES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR THE JOINT MAG-ADOT CANAMEX CORRIDOR STUDY

From 4 to 7p.m.:

Thursday, August 31, 2000, Sun City West Foundation Community Services Center  
14465 R.H. Johnson Blvd.

Tuesday, September 5, 2000, Buckeye Community Center, 201 Centre, Buckeye

Thursday, September 7, 2000, Wickenburg Community Center, 120 N. Valentine,  
Wickenburg

The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) are conducting joint open houses and public meetings at the times and places specified above on the CANAMEX Corridor study and its draft joint recommendation regarding a specific route through the Maricopa region for the federally designated Canada to Mexico trade corridor. A summary of the recommendation is attached. Representatives from MAG member agencies as well as affected trucking groups, landowners/developers, community associations and members of the public are encouraged to participate.

After a one hour open house period in which staff will be available to answer questions, brief presentations will be given at 5 p.m. followed by a public comment period. A court reporter will be present to make a written record of comments received. Input received at these meetings, in addition to that already received, will be considered in the final recommendation for the route.

The joint recommendation has been changed based on stakeholder input that was received at the July 24, 2000 Forum as well as subsequent comments and information received. The new recommendation is not to make a designation at this time pending the outcome of a number of related studies that are currently underway. The leading candidate for the southern section of the route through Maricopa County is from I-8 to SR 85, then SR 85 to the junction with I-10. No leading candidate for the connection from I-10 to the US 60 / US 93 corridor is being recommended at this time.

More information may be found on the MAG website located at <http://www.mag.maricopa.gov>, or by contacting either Chris Voigt, MAG, (602) 254-6300, 302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 300, Phoenix, AZ 85003, Email: [mag@mag.maricopa.gov](mailto:mag@mag.maricopa.gov), or Dale Buskirk, ADOT, (602) 712-8143, 206 S. 17th Avenue, MD 330B, Phoenix, AZ 85007, email [DBuskirk@dot.state.az.us](mailto:DBuskirk@dot.state.az.us).

Attachments

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**DISCUSSION TOPICS**

1. Open House  
An open house format, in which background information on the study will be posted on display boards and staff will be available to answer questions, will be in effect for the first hour.
2. Multi-State CANAMEX Corridor Project Overview  
A brief overview of the multi-state CANAMEX process and its relation to the study for the Maricopa region will be provided.
3. Project Overview  
A brief overview of the study process for the designation of the CANAMEX Corridor through the Maricopa region will be presented.
4. Recommendation  
The recommendation for the designation of the CANAMEX Corridor through the Maricopa region will be presented.
5. Call to the Public  
An opportunity will be given for members of the public to address the Forum. Speakers will be requested not to exceed a three-minute time period for their comments.
6. Next Steps  
Additional public input opportunities will be provided in September 2000. Input will also be obtained in presentations to members of the Governor's CANAMEX Task Force.